



SOCIAL SECURITY



HELP WITH YOUR MEDICARE COSTS IS AVAILABLE

Help with Medicare Costs

You may be able to get help with your Medicare costs from your State. The Medicare Savings Programs help people who have limited income and resources pay for their Medicare expenses. The help that you can get from the Medicare Savings Programs can save you more than \$1,000 a year. If you are paying a premium for Medicare Part A, the Medicare Savings Programs may pay it for you. You could qualify if:

- You have Medicare Part A, also known as Hospital Insurance and
- Your resources (such as money in a bank, stocks or bonds) are worth \$4,000 or less, or you and your spouse (if married and living together) have resources of \$6,000 or less. Resources do **not** include such things as the home where you live, your home furnishings, a car, burial plots and \$1,500 in a burial account, and
- Your monthly income is less than **\$1,123** or your and your spouse's monthly income (if married and living together) is less than **\$1,505**. These income limits will change slightly in 2007.

Note: Income limits are slightly higher in Alaska and Hawaii. Other States may also have higher income and resource requirements.

If you think you might be able to get this help with your Medicare costs, or if you are not sure, call your State medical assistance (Medicaid) office or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227); TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

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